



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q53288

~~Minoru USUI, et al.~~

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Examiner: M. Nghiem

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~~For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS~~

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

20. (Twice amended) An ink supply passage structure for supplying ink from an ink cartridge to a recording head, comprising:

a first ink supply path having a first open end, wherein said first ink supply path axially terminates at the first open end;

a second ink supply path connected to and extending from the first open end to be communicated with the first ink supply path, wherein the second ink supply path is at least as

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